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Reviews the Annual Administration Report on the working of the Prisons Department during the year 1960.

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Direction—Shri R R Paydenkar, B A DIP, S S A., U N F (U S A., U K. and Canada), was the Inspector-General of Prisons from 1st January 1960 to the end of the year 1960.

Prisons Institutions.—There were 4 Central Jails, 5 District Jails, 1 Special Sub-Jail, 2 Special Lock-ups, 7 District Lock-ups, 85 Sub-Jails and Lock-ups and 2 Borstal Schools.

Prisons Population

Prison Population on 1-1-1960	4,283
Total admitted during the year	19,297
Total	23,580
Total released during the year	19,194
Balance on 1-1-1961	4,386

The daily average of the Prison population was 4,190 10 as against 4,587 18 during the previous year Thus there was a decrease of 396 08 in the daily average strength.

The details of male convicts by occupation during the year under review is as follows The figures given in brackets are for the previous year —

(1) Government and Municipal Servants	120	(209)
(2) Professional Prisoners in Trade (Artisans)	711	(802)
(3) Persons in Service	92	(196)
(4) Engaged in Agriculture	2,181	(3,317)
(5) Engaged in Commerce and Trade	610	(712)
(6) Engaged in Arts and Crafts	144	(249)
(7) Miscellaneous Persons not classed otherwise	7,530	(7,859)

Under-Trial Prisoners

Total under-Trial Prisoners on 1-1-1960	988
Total received during the year	7,410
Total ...	8,398

Released on bail	.	2,235	
Discharged	...	2,298	
Transferred	..	783	
Escaped		Nil	
Died	..	2	
Convicted	...	2,107	7,425
Balance on 1-1-1961	..		1973

The daily average number of under-trial prisoners was 963.95 as against 1,003.40 during the year 1959

Prisoners in Sub-Jails and Lockups.

Total Prisoners of all classes in Sub-Jails and Lock-ups on 1-1-1960	..	3,069	
Total admitted		30,510	
Total	.	33,579	
Number of prisoners discharged		29,633	
Balance at the end of the year		3,946	

Under-Trials

Total under trial prisoners in Sub Jails and Lock-ups on 1-1-1960	..	2,470	
Total admitted	.	16,165	
Total		18,635	
Total released on bail	5,096		
Total acquitted	.. 4,189		
Total sentenced	... 3,032		
Escaped	5		
Total transferred	.. 3,897		
Died	9	16,228	
Balance at the end of the year	.	2,407	

Escapes—There were 22 prisoners at large at the beginning of the year, under report and 4 prisoners escaped during the year making a total of 26 prisoners of whom 4 prisoners were recaptured, leaving a balance of 22 prisoners at the end of the year Suitable punishment was inflicted on the delinquent persons

Jail Offences.—One hundred major prison offences and 157 minor offences were committed by prisoners during the year under report and disciplinary action was taken against the offending prisoners under Jail Manual Rules of the several integrated areas

Convict Officers—The total number of convicts employed as convict officers in all the Jails during the year under report was 1,163 Males The average number so employed, did not exceed the limit prescribed in the several Jail Manual Rules in force in the State.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure incurred during the year under report for guarding and maintaining prisoners in Jails was Rs 19,84,206-73 nP as against Rs 20,56,980-18 nP. during the previous year. The average cost of maintenance per prisoner per year was Rs. 473-43 nP as against Rs 465-85 nP during the previous year. The increase in expenditure was due to the amenities provided to the prisoners and due to the rise in the price of the articles of food

The total expenditure incurred in the case of Sub-Jails and Lock-ups during the year under report was Rs 5,51,340-67 nP. as against Rs 3,81,100-85 nP during the previous year and the average cost of maintenance per prisoner per annum was Rs 612-28 nP as against Rs. 310-94 nP during the previous year

General.—Literacy classes were conducted regularly for the benefit of the prisoners both by the Departmental Teachers and Convict Teachers The prisoners at the Central Prison, Gulbarga were allowed to sit for Hindi Examinations. Instead of sectarian moral instructions imparted to the prisoners non-sectarian instructions were imparted to them and the policy of Government continued to be one of reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners. To achieve this object, Government started various industries in the Jail so that the prisoners may acquire particular avocations which would go a long way in rehabilitating them after release The wage earning scheme was introduced as an experimental measure for payment of wages to prisoners employed to work in the various trades at the Central Jail, Bangalore, dividing the prisoners into three categories—Skilled, Semi-skilled and Unskilled and they were paid wages at 50 nP., 35 nP and 25 nP. a day, respectively Under this scheme, the prisoners were allowed cash payment of 50 per cent and the balance was allowed to go to their account to be paid at the time of release and Government sanctioned canteen facility to the prisoners as an adjunct to the wage scheme.

The classification of prisoners for purposes of study and treatment in Jails on psychological basis was beneficial in reforming the prisoners and to mend their behaviour and thereby to reduce prison offences. Hardened habituals were confined at the Central Jail, Bellary

The Warder Staff at Major Institutions were given "in service" training by the Jail Officers at the respective Institutions. As an experimental measure, wearing of garments of their choice by the prisoners in a particular institution was permitted. Interviews with parents, husband or wife, daughter and son were relaxed at intervals of a fortnight and with others, once in two months.

For the first time in the annals of the Prisons Administration in Mysore, the Mysore State Prisoners Sports Meet was conducted at Bangalore in the month of August 1960 and 250 prisoners drawn from Major Jails participated The Chief Minister distributed prizes to winners and the Deputy Home Minister presided over the function On this occasion the conference of Jail Superintendents was held to discuss the day-to-day problems in the Jail Administration and it was addressed by the Deputy Home Minister and the Home Secretary

The working of the Prisons Department during the year under report was on the whole satisfactory

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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Home Department